

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

United States of America
v.
Ronquela Christine Wallace
Defendant

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case No. 1:12 Cr 60

After conducting a detention hearing under the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), I conclude that these facts require that the defendant be detained pending trial.

Part I – Findings of Fact

- ____ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has previously been convicted of ____ a federal offense ____ a state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if federal jurisdiction had existed – that is
- ____ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4), or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5)(B) for which the prison term is 10 years or more.
- ____ an offense for which the maximum sentence is death or life imprisonment.
- ____ an offense for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in: _____.*
- ____ a felony committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ____ any felony that is not a crime of violence but involves:
- ____ a minor victim
- ____ the possession or use of a firearm or destructive device or any other dangerous weapon
- ____ a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250
- ____ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ____ (3) A period of less than 5 years has elapsed since the ____ date of conviction ____ defendant's release from prison for the offense described in finding (1).
- ____ (4) Findings (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition will reasonably assure the safety of another person or the community. I further find that defendant has not rebutted that presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

- ____ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ____ for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in:
- ____ Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).*
- ____ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- ____ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding (1) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ____ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II – Statement of the Reasons for Detention

I find that the testimony and information submitted at the detention hearing establishes by ____ clear and convincing evidence ☒ a preponderance of the evidence that:

defendant is a 32-year-old married woman with a history of physical and mental health problems. She has moved around the country with her husband, an enlisted man in the Navy, and her children. Defendant has a long criminal history spanning 15 years, including both felony and misdemeanor convictions. She has frequently used aliases or false names in an effort to evade prosecution. The most recent episode involved her use of her sister's name in a federal prosecution in No. Carolina, leading to a conviction for giving false statements to the US Probation Officer and a 12-month sentence. There are four documented instances of failure to appear and numerous instances of committing new offenses while on supervision. Defendant was on bond when she allegedly committed the instant offenses, which again involve impersonation.

Part III – Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or a designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to consult privately with defense counsel. On order of United States Court or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for a court appearance.

Date: March 23, 2012Judge's Signature: /s/ Joseph G. ScovilleName and Title: Joseph G. Scoville, U.S. Magistrate Judge